

# **W. H. Roane letter S1120**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Roane, W. H.
<b>Title</b>	W. H. Roane letter
<b>Date</b>	1840
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1120

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Nothings is known about the sender of this letter, W. H. Roane, nor about the man to whom it is addressed, I.D.P. Brown.

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## Scope and Contents

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This letter is written in ink on one folded sheet of parchment. The letter is from Washington, March 28, 1840, addressed to I. D. P. Brown, and signed W. H. Roane. Mr. Roane discusses the 1840 presidential election, which was between William Henry Harrison, a Whig from Ohio, with John Tyler as his running mate, and Martin Van Buren, a Democrat from New York, who had no vice president on the ticket.

Mr. Roane wrote: "The country will be saved from the ignoring of suffering a hungry and heterogenous combination of office seekers to place in the Presidential chair a man who, in the 'hey day' and vigour of manhood, was distinguished as an officer by retreating from the enemy and burning the stores and provisions of his own army, and as a politician by chattering as incontinually as a magpie; and whose advanced age [Harrison was 68] is as usual characterized by increased imbecility and garrulity -- a distinguished gentleman who has just returned from a visit of two week into Massachusetts ... that the Democrats of that state are highly excited and in fine chintz, and informed him that if Old Virginia gave a good lead in April, they would certainly carry the old Bay State."

At the end of his letter, Mr. Roane wrote: "Tell your worthy old neighbor Fletcher that he ought to give a quarter's rent sooner than let it fall, and a whole year's sooner than suffer them "chinch bugs" as I heard him call the Whigs..."

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## Arrangement

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This collection is one letter on one sheet of paper.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Personal Name(s)**

- Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841
- Tyler, John, 1790-1862
- Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862

### **Subject(s)**

- Correspondence
- Election

- Politics and government